



SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITIONS

PROJECT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #1

Tuesday, October 1, 2002 7:00-8:55 p.m.

Southwest Community Center

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

PAT Members Present:

Ron Angeles	Thomas Hiatt
Jose Brown	Isaiah Johnson
Bruce Bentley, Sr.	Naseri Kitiona, Jr.
Steven Fischer	Jayne McIntyre
Susan Harmon	

PAT Members Absent:

Dominic Buchanan
Peggy Dunlap
Albert Smith

Others Present:

Nancy Eisner, SWCC Aquatic Center Coordinator
Carrie Fulton, SWCC Teen Coordinator
Katie Gray, SW Parks Manager
Toby Ressler, Parks Project Manager
Cathy Tuttle, Parks Planner

Meeting Facilitator: Cathy Tuttle

Previous Meeting Notes: N/A

Design Schedule:

Start of design: 1st Quarter 2003
Construction start Summer 2004

Welcome:

Cathy Tuttle opened the meeting. PAT members and visitors introduced themselves. PAT members added one interesting fact to their bios. The PAT sign-in sheet was circulated and PAT members updated any corrections. The agenda was verified.

Visitor Comments:

Nancy Eisner said she was looking forward to the start of the project.

Design Program:

Toby Ressler, Project Manager, walked the PAT members through the 5 projects that comprise the SWCC additions – full service gym, fire sprinklers, ADA family changing room, computer room and Teen Life Center. Toby said the proposed site of the gym would force the play area and south-facing courtyard to be relocated. Currently, no money is available for these relocations. The play area is required for SWCC DSHS childcare certification. PAT members were asked to consider if the pottery area could be reprogrammed to allow construction of a larger Teen Life Center. PAT members were also asked whether they believed a computer lab that could offer community classes was needed or simply community computer access with strategically placed workstations.

Finally, PAT members were asked to think about the role of a Teen Life Center in southwest Seattle.

Isaiah Johnson wanted to know if the gym could be a separate building. Katie Gray said it was important to make the gym an addition, as this alternative required less staffing. Toby said the gym would require agreements to use School District property and using less property in this project was desirable.

PAT members wondered why the gym could not be built as a second story addition. Toby said the cinder block construction of the existing community center could not hold a second story, and elevator would be required, and the L-3 single family zone of the community center limited building height. Steven Fischer asked if a second story could be built over the reception/bathroom area of the gym addition. Toby said that option would be explored.

Ron Angeles brought up that funding for 2 of the projects were dependent on City funding from the City's CRF funds. Ron said the fire sprinkler project rated high and the ADA family changing room rated lower. Ron was also curious about arts funding for this project. About \$50,000 will be available for arts at SWCC according to the Community Center Levy Arts Plan.

PAT members began discussion about the role of a Teen Life Center in southwest Seattle. Katie Gray said the Southwest Teen Life Center might not be modeled on the Garfield and Meadowbrook Teen Life Centers that are considered "destination centers." Katie said the "destination centers" focused on intervention and prevention, partnered with local youth service agencies, and required up to 3 FTE in staff. Jane McIntyre, Bruce Bentley and Susan Harmon described teen centers they visited in the Puget Sound region. Junior Kitona will share experiences from visiting Teen Centers nationwide. Teen Life Centers will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming PAT meeting. PAT members will encourage teens to attend.

Consultant Selection: Toby described the consultant selection process. Consultants will walk through SWCC on October 3. RFQ submittals are due on October 10. Three consultants will be interviewed on November 7 and a consultant will be selected in time to attend the next PAT meeting on November 13. Toby asked for volunteers to review and rank the RFQs between October 10 and 25. Susan, Bruce and Jane will review. Jane, Steve and possibly Isaiah agreed to serve on the November 7 interview team.

Upcoming Tasks: Review Draft Design Program (All PAT members)
Review consultant RFQs and participate in interviews (selected PAT members)

Handouts: PAT Roles & Responsibilities
List of PAT members
Draft Design Program
Consultant RFQ

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Minutes Recorded By: Cathy Tuttle

Additional Information is Available:

- SWCC web site: http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/parks/Centers/current/Southwest_Community_Center.htm
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